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1. Between 8 and 12 August 1955, approximately 60 % of the Zaschendorf Kaserne (1601) in Meissen was occupied by approximately 600-800 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. At least 12 x M-13 rocket launchers were seen, partly in the sheds in the north section of the barracks installation, partly at the Bohnitzsch firing range.<sup>1</sup>

2. The southern part of the installation, which was occupied by a signal unit, was quiet. The storage place looked untidy; the piles of masts had been removed almost entirely. During the period under review a telephone line was laid between the Zaschendorf Kaserne and the switching central in the Niederauerstrasse. The work was carried out by 1 officer and approximately 15 soldiers wearing blue-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia.<sup>2</sup>

3. The occupation of the Bohnitzsch Kaserne (1602) in Meissen varied considerably between 8 and 12 August. In the north section of the installation approximately 20 % of the windows were lit on one day, on another approximately 50%, and on two days there was no light whatsoever. Everything was quiet; no activity was observed.<sup>3</sup> In the southern section of the installation, especially in the headquarters building, between 30% and 80% of the windows were lit. A number of masts which had been set up around a truck in the south yard of the installation had been removed.<sup>4</sup> A truck  was observed moving from Zaschendorf in the direction of Bohnitzsch. The driver wore red-bordered black collar patches with artillery insignia.<sup>5</sup>

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1.  Comment. Elements of the u/1 R1 Regiment of the First Gds Mecz Army, which had been transferred to Jueterbog on 21 July 1955 in 2 shipments, had apparently not returned to Meissen by 12 August.

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2.  Comment. According to available information, on 27 July approximately 800 telephone poles were still seen in the storage place. Presumably they have been used up for enlarging the signal communications in the meantime.

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3.  Comment. After early May, only rear details of the 45th Gds Tank Regt of the 11th Gds Tank Div. were seen in the installation. The regiment has presumably been at the Koenigsbrueck training grounds since early May. On 3 August, a tank firing detail, presumably of the 45th Gds Tank Regt, was entrained in Priestewitz for Haldensleben.

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4. Comment. Elements of the 1018th AAA Regt of the 11th Gds Tank Div. stationed in the southern section of the Bohnitzsch Kaserne were transferred to the Wustrow AAA firing range on 22 July in 2 shipments.
5. Comment. According to the insignia of the driver and the direction in which the truck proceeded, it is believed that this truck belongs to the u/i RI Regt of the First Gds Mecz Army.

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